

# Bridgeport

## Connecticut

Town Hall  
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*Belongs to*  
Fairfield County  
Bridgeport Labor Market Area  
Greater Bridgeport Economic Dev. Region  
Greater Bridgeport Planning Area

Incorporated in 1821

### Demographics

|                                |             |               |              | <i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>         |              |               |              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Population (1998)</i>       | <i>Town</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>State</i> |                                      | <i>Town</i>  | <i>County</i> | <i>State</i> |
| 1980                           | 142,567     | 807,143       | 3,107,580    | White                                | 51,419       | 636,147       | 2,648,212    |
| 1990                           | 141,686     | 827,645       | 3,287,116    | Black                                | 36,012       | 82,879        | 274,213      |
| 1998                           | 136,764     | 836,207       | 3,271,239    | Asian Pacific                        | 4,068        | 25,592        | 73,304       |
| 2003                           | 135,092     | 843,924       | 3,272,149    | Native American                      | 240          | 939           | 5,952        |
| '98-'03 Growth                 | -1.22%      | 0.92%         | 0.03%        | Other                                | 577          | 1,610         | 5,336        |
|                                |             |               |              | Hispanic (any race)                  | 44,448       | 89,040        | 264,222      |
| Land Area (sq. miles)          | 16.00       | 625.90        | 4,845        | <i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>           | 17.07%       | 6.09%         | 6.61%        |
| Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)          | 8,547.75    | 1,336.10      | 653          | <i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i> |              |               |              |
| Per Capita Inc. (1998)         | \$17,698    | \$37,252      | \$27,078     | Persons Age 25 or Older              | <i>Town</i>  | <i>%</i>      | <i>State</i> |
| Households (1998)              | 50,467      | 308,221       | 1,229,087    | High School Graduate                 | 27,510       | 31.5%         | 648,366      |
| Median Age (1997)              | 33.5        | 38.2          | 37.2         | Some College                         | 15,925       | 18.2%         | 495,696      |
|                                |             |               |              | Bachelors or More                    | 10,922       | 12.5%         | 597,693      |
| <i>Age Distribution (1998)</i> |             |               |              |                                      |              |               |              |
|                                | <i>0-4</i>  | <i>5-17</i>   | <i>18-24</i> | <i>25-49</i>                         | <i>50-64</i> | <i>65+</i>    | <i>Total</i> |
| Male                           | 5,775 9%    | 13,492 21%    | 6,020 9%     | 26,027 40%                           | 7,379 11%    | 6,515 10%     | 65,208       |
| Female                         | 5,619 8%    | 12,820 18%    | 6,026 8%     | 27,115 38%                           | 8,505 12%    | 11,471 16%    | 71,556       |
| County Total                   | 54,813 7%   | 139,006 17%   | 64,748 8%    | 322,604 39%                          | 137,401 16%  | 117,635 14%   | 836,207      |
| State Total                    | 216,119 7%  | 550,400 17%   | 280,101 9%   | 1,257,928 38%                        | 499,093 15%  | 467,598 14%   | 3,271,239    |

### Economics

| <i>Business Profile (1997)</i> |              |                   |             |                   | <i>% of</i>                            |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <i>Sector</i>                  | <i>Firms</i> | <i>% of Total</i> | <i>Emp.</i> | <i>% of Total</i> | <i>Amount</i>                          | <i>Total</i>                   |
| Agriculture                    | 60           | 1.3%              | 246         | 0.4%              | United Illuminating Company            | \$98,266,093 4.22%             |
| Const. and Mining              | 539          | 11.5%             | 2,511       | 4.6%              | People's Bank                          | \$54,544,570 2.34%             |
| Manufacturing                  | 325          | 6.9%              | 13,556      | 24.7%             | SNET                                   | \$20,759,487 0.89%             |
| Trans. And Utilities           | 175          | 3.7%              | 2,707       | 4.9%              | Bridgeport Hydraulic Company           | \$18,135,836 0.78%             |
| Trade                          | 1,209        | 25.8%             | 8,159       | 14.9%             | United Technologies                    | \$14,756,185 0.63%             |
| Finance, Ins. and Real Estate  | 323          | 6.9%              | 3,659       | 6.7%              | Grand List Total (1996)                | \$2,327,796,454                |
| Services                       | 1,998        | 42.7%             | 21,358      | 39.0%             | <i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i> |                                |
| Government                     | 54           | 1.2%              | 2,628       | 4.8%              | People's Bank                          | Bridgeport Hospital Inc        |
| Total                          | 4,683        | 100.0%            | 54,824      | 100.0%            | Bordine Corporation                    | Remington Products LLC         |
|                                |              |                   |             |                   | St. Vincents Medical Center            |                                |
|                                |              |                   |             |                   | <i>Town</i>                            | <i>State</i>                   |
|                                |              |                   |             |                   | <i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>             | \$745,824,652 \$30,837,967,729 |

### Education

| <i>1995-1996 School Year</i>       |              |                  |  | <i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i> |              |                |              |                |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                    | <i>Town</i>  | <i>State</i>     |  | <i>Grade 4</i>                                     |              | <i>Grade 6</i> |              | <i>Grade 8</i> |              |
| Total Students                     | 21,918       | 461,203          |  | <i>Town</i>  | <i>State</i> | <i>Town</i>    | <i>State</i> | <i>Town</i>    | <i>State</i> |
| Total Expenditures Per Pupil       | \$7,623      | \$8,300          |  | Reading  | 18 55        | 22 60          | 33 64        |                |              |
| Average Teacher's Salary           | \$46,318     | \$48,598         |  | Math   | 26 59        | 19 52          | 18 51        |                |              |
| Students Attending Public School   | 84.3%        | 89.2%            |  | Writing  | 23 46        | 18 46          | 44 51        |                |              |
| Student/Teacher Ratio              | 16.0         | 14.5             |  |  |              |                |              |                |              |
| Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education | 73.6%        | 75.8%            |  | <i>Average SAT Score</i>                           |              | <i>Town</i>    | <i>State</i> |                |              |
| High School Dropout Rate           | 7.1%         | 4.6%             |  | Verbal   |              | 396            | 503          |                |              |
| <i>Average Class Size</i>          |              |                  |  | Math   |              | 387            | 499          |                |              |
| Kindergarten 23.4                  | Grade 2 24.1 |                  |  |  |              |                |              |                |              |
| Grade 5 26.4                       | Grade 7 26.9 | High School 19.3 |  |  |              |                |              |                |              |

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### Government

|                       |                |                           |               |                                |                 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Government Form       | Mayor- Council |                           |               | Annual Debt Service (1996)     | \$28,058,817    |
|                       |                |                           |               | As % of Expenditures           | 9.2%            |
| Total Revenue (1996)  | \$334,759,518  | Total Expenditures (1996) | \$306,034,726 | Equalized Grand List (1996)    | \$3,653,933,180 |
| Tax Revenue           | \$161,838,527  | Education                 | \$136,119,443 | Per Capita                     | \$26,680        |
| Non-tax Revenue       | \$18,106,929   | Other                     | \$169,915,283 | As % of State Average          | 34.2%           |
| Intergovernmental     | \$154,814,062  | Total Indebtness (1996)   | \$157,895,932 | Date of Last Revaluation       | 10/ 1/83        |
| Per Capita Tax (1996) | \$1,263        | As % of Expenditures      | 51.6%         | Moody's Bond Rating (1997)     | Baa2            |
| As % of State Average | 88.7%          | Per Capita                | \$1,153       | Actual Mill Rate (1997)        | 66.50           |
|                       |                | As % of State Average     | 110.8%        | Equalized Mill Rate (1996)     | 42.24           |
|                       |                |                           |               | % of Grand List Com/Ind (1995) | 24.6%           |

### Housing

| Housing Stock (1997)     | Town     | County    | State     | Sales Price Distribution (1996) | Town   | County  | State   |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Existing Units (total)   | 56,085   | 335,017   | 1,374,566 | Number of Sales                 |        |         |         |
| % Single Unit            | 29.9%    | 64.2%     | 62.9%     | Less than \$100,000             | 2,605  | 4,504   | 22,254  |
| New Permits Auth. (1997) | 68       | 2,045     | 9,349     | \$100,001-\$200,000             | 324    | 4,830   | 20,713  |
| As % Existing Units      | 0.12%    | 0.61%     | 0.68%     | \$200,001-\$300,000             | 12     | 3,211   | 6,600   |
| Demolitions (1997)       | 199      | 449       | 1,193     | \$300,001-\$400,000             |        | 1,901   | 2,730   |
| Residential Sales (1996) | 2,943    | 17,795    | 56,333    | \$400,001 or More               | 2      | 3,349   | 4,036   |
| Average Price            | \$77,345 | \$314,650 | \$194,596 | 1996 Characteristics            |        |         |         |
| Median Price             | \$77,000 | \$221,000 | \$138,000 | Owner Occupied Dwellings        | 23,104 | 208,121 | 807,559 |
|                          |          |           |           | Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950    | 54.4%  | 34.1%   | 33.9%   |
|                          |          |           |           | Subsidized Housing Units        | 12,238 | 30,502  | 148,930 |

### Labor Force

| 1997                | Town   | County  | State     | Commuters (1990)         |                |              |       |
|---------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| Labor Force         | 62,342 | 446,996 | 1,723,300 | Commuters into Town from | Town Residents | Commuting to |       |
| Employed            | 56,919 | 427,779 | 1,635,400 | 1. Bridgeport            | 28411          | Bridgeport   | 28411 |
| Unemployed          | 5,423  | 19,217  | 87,900    | 2. Stratford             | 5883           | Fairfield    | 5457  |
| Unemployment Rate   | 8.7%   | 4.3%    | 5.1%      | 3. Fairfield             | 3986           | Stratford    | 5307  |
| Total Employment    | 47,580 | 411,650 | 1,581,700 | 4. Trumbull              | 3447           | Norwalk      | 3691  |
| Manufacturing       | 8,610  | 75,610  | 265,850   | 5. Shelton               | 3075           | Stamford     | 2987  |
| '92-'97 Growth Rate | -9.7%  | 5.7%    | 4.3%      | 6. Milford               | 2708           | Trumbull     | 2336  |
| Daytime Population  | 54,232 | 472,065 | 1,740,247 | 7. Monroe                | 1552           | Westport     | 2044  |
|                     |        |         |           | 8. West Haven            | 1021           | Milford      | 1901  |
|                     |        |         |           | 9. New Haven             | 822            | Shelton      | 1513  |
|                     |        |         |           | 10. Norwalk              | 809            | New York     | 999   |

### Quality of Life

| Town                       | State | Library (1996-1997) | Town                     | Residential Utilities |                                    |
|----------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Banks (1997)               | 46    | 1,378               | Total Volumes            | 511,123               | Electric Provider                  |
| Lodging (1997)             | 8     | 756                 | Circulation Per Capita   | 3.0                   | United Illuminating                |
| Day Care Facilities (1998) | 38    | 1,651               |                          |                       | 1-800-257-0141                     |
| Infant Mortality Rate      |       |                     | Distance to Major Cities | Miles                 | Gas Provider                       |
| Per 1,000 Res. (1995)      | 5.722 | 0.099               | Hartford                 | 48                    | Southern Connecticut Gas Company   |
| Crime Rate (1996)          |       |                     | Boston                   | 137                   | 203-382-8111                       |
| Per 1,000 Residents        | 86.1  | 40                  | New York City            | 53                    | Water Provider                     |
| % Open Land (1990)         | 11.6% | 68.8%               | Providence               | 102                   | Bridgeport Hydraulic Company       |
|                            |       |                     |                          |                       | 1-800-732-9678                     |
| Hospitals (1997)           | 2     | 16                  |                          |                       | Cable Provider                     |
| Total Beds                 | 786   | 2,184               |                          |                       | Cablevision Systems of Southern CT |
|                            |       |                     |                          |                       | 203-336-2225                       |